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Old Settlers' Reunion.

The Old Settlers of Ford and Hodgeman Counties Meet in Annual Convention at Pogue's Grove.

One of the most beautiful days of the season, August 28th, nearly four hundred of the old settlers of Ford and Hodgeman counties met together in Pogue's Grove, on the line between the two counties, to boast of their good luck, crack jokes about their bad luck and laugh and grow fat. The people assembled seemed in doubt as to which county the grove was located in, and the Hodgeman county ladies seemed determined to make the settlers of Ford believe they were the guests of Hodgeman, while the Ford ladies were as determined that the Hodgeman collection were the guests of Ford, and between them no assembly of people who ever enjoyed the shade of the pretty little grove on the Sawlog were ever more royally entertained. The good things of life from both sides of the line made the tables fairly groan, and if the people of that locality are suffering any of the hardships of life, there was no evidence of it at that meeting.

The literary exercises opened by a song from the Dodge City warblers, comprising Miss Lucy Baird, Mrs. D. W. Moffitt, and Messrs. W. T. Watson and Judge Moffitt. Mrs. King presiding at the organ, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Powelson, and a characteristic speech of welcome from Hon. J. L. Finley, the president of the association, in which the warm heart of this sturdy old pioneer overflowed in good cheer and hearty welcome to those assembled, concluded the morning exercises. The reception tendered Mr. Finley by these old friends who have known him so long and so well attested the appreciation of his worth, and should be accepted by Mr. Finley as a compliment from many hearts.

Then the ladies served dinner; and such a dinner! No words are adequate to describe it. No stomach adequate to contain even a small portion of the good things offered. After the multitude had reached their limit on feathery rolls, crisp fried chicken, pies, cakes, jellies, and the thousand and one other good things provided; when Elder Wright had shyly slipped his vest buckle into his pocket, and Madison had relieved several buttons from duty until further notice, the regular program was resumed, and amid songs from the Dodge people and an excellent selection from the glee club from Hodgeman, composed of Misses Della Gilbert and Ollie Beaver, Mr. Lewis, and Editor Lauber, and speeches from Ed. H. Madison of Dodge City, E. H. Borton and Judge Gilbert of Jetmore, J. H. Golden and Mr. Beaver of Hodgeman, John Mullendore, Mesdames Zerbe and Pogue, Elder Wright and D. W. Moffitt of Ford, the afternoon flew swiftly by, and all too soon the lengthening shadows warned the revelers that they must hie their way homeward; that the day allotted for the renewal of old friendships and strengthening of new ones had spent itself in pleasures not soon to be forgotten, and that all that remained of it to those who attended was a most pleasant memory of a most pleasant meeting with a most pleasant people. May those who had charge of this reunion live many long, happy and prosperous years, and may the chain of annual reunions be unbroken and increase in numbers year by year until the pleasant grove will be taxed to its utmost to contain them.

NOTES.

The county attorney is loud in his praises of the excellent culinary accomplishments of the ladies in the north of the county.

When dinner time arrived the citizens of Hodgeman and Ford vied with one another in attempts to excel in hospitality, consequently everyone went home carrying with them the memory of a good square meal.

The capacity of Madison's stomach is only exceeded by the capacity of his brain.

Watson was seen, 55 minutes after dinner was served, picking fig cake out of his ears.

Ed. Madison, "The Kid of the Sand Hills," has been adopted by the old settlers and christened "Sylph of the Forest."

The old settlers have a warm heart for our affable Probate Judge. Dave, as he is familiarly known, can be depended upon to take a hearty interest in anything that adds to comfort or convenience of Ford county's citizens.

The address of welcome by the president of the association, John L. Finley, was full of good, warm, cordial words of welcome.

Jesse Beadle was present shaking hands with his fellow pioneers. Jesse has been in the county a long time.

What was the attraction about the "Frenchman's" buggy that caused such a swarm of red-nosed individuals to cluster about it so often?

Profs. Wright and Powelson were on the grounds looking after the interests of the college.

D. W. Moffitt's address was well received. It was filled with words of cheer for the hardy settlers who are struggling to found homes and develop our county.

The boys in blue from the Soldiers' Home were present in full force and enjoyed the exercises immensely.

J. L. Finley makes an excellent presiding officer. Under his supervision things went off smoothly. If the question of who shall be our next Representative had been left to the old settlers meeting to decide, Mr. Finley would have been the almost unanimous choice of those present.

It will hurry Ford county to turn out a better looking lot of girls than were present from Hodgeman county. We claim to be authority on such matters. Then we have J. B. Gaston to back us up in our assertion.

Our friend Watson was very happy at the picnic, but nothing compared to his present state. Wonder what causes it?

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The following was handed in by the secretary of the association after the above was partly in type, and as it contains several items which were omitted in our own report, we give it in full:

At the annual meeting of the old settlers of Ford and Hodgeman counties, held in Pogue's Grove, August 28th, 1890, the following programme was carried out to the satisfaction of every one present.

Song by the Dodge City glee club.

Address of welcome by the president, J. L. Finley.

Song by glee club.

Adjourned for dinner; which the ladies soon spread, consisting of chicken of every breed from the yellow leg down to the black spanish. Grapes, plums, pies, cakes, bread with good home-made farmer's butter, and other nick-nacks too numerous to mention; showing that the people of Ford and Hodgeman are not on the verge of starvation or need any appropriation from congress on that line.

After dinner the president called the meeting to order and the glee club gave us a song.

Mr. Madison, county attorney of Ford county, gave us a fine address: setting forth the pleasures of pioneer life in the west and the comforts that we enjoy that our fathers did not in the early days of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Poem read by Miss Lucy Baird, of Dodge City, written by Capt. Strickler.

Address by Mr. Borton, of Jetmore. He said they met with a mishap on the way down, and his ideas were all ditched, but he proved to the people that they were not all gone for he delivered a fine address.

Song by the glee club.

Elder Wright, of Dodge City, delivered a stirring speech on growing old and wondered what could be done to prevent it. He believed we should live the life of to-day and not go back into the past.

Song by the Jetmore quartette, entitled "Flag of America," written by Capt. Strickler.

Remarks were made by the following persons: Farmer Golden, J. H. Mullendore, John Beaver, Mrs. Pogue, Judge Gilbert, of Jetmore, Judge Moffitt, of Dodge City, and Mrs. Gingrich of Ford county; she thinks western Kansas is good enough for her and she has come back to stay. Good for her.

Election of officers for the ensuing year:

President—A. L. Tinkelpaugh.

Vice President—J. H. Golden.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Pogue.

A. L. Tinkelpaugh was then introduced and he thanked the people for the honor conferred.

Song by glee club.

By request the glee club sang a song composed by James Zerbe.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the Dodge City glee club for the excellent music rendered, also to the retiring president, J. L. Finley.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn until the last Thursday in August, 1891.

J. H. GOLDEN, Secretary.

Mortality Record.

Killed, 5,823; injured, 26,309—not cattle and hogs, but human beings—that is the record of the railroads in the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1889, as shown by the Interstate Commerce Commission's report just issued. It is a ghastly record. One person killed for each 10,000 inhabitants; one person injured for each 2,500 inhabitants! But only a small proportion of this mortality has visited passengers; only 310 passengers were killed during the year. The employees killed numbered 1,972. "Other persons" killed were 3,541. This last class is composed mainly of persons struck while walking on track or crossing track on streets or highway crossings, either afoot or in vehicles, and of tramps killed while stealing rides on freight trains. Of the injured, 20,028 were employees, 2,146 passengers and 5,135 other persons.

THE ALLIANCE IN KANSAS.

It Is to Be Used as a Help to the Solid South.

Great Expectations Which the Democracy Base Upon the New Movement—Their Hopes in Kansas.

Special to the Globe-Democrat.

TOPEKA, KAN., August 25.—The republicans have been greatly alarmed at the formidable appearance of the farmers' movement, or the People's ticket, in the politics of this state. They are trying to break the force of the Alliance by showing its connection with the rebel element of the South, and the Southern leaders of the Alliance, Polk, Beaumont and others, have been vigorously denounced for coming into Kansas and urging the farmers to desert the republican party. The anxiety and interest displayed by these Southern emissaries is explained in an interview had with a prominent Southern democrat, who says:

"The Farmers' Alliance as you have it here in Kansas is of Southern origin, and its organization was not an accident. There was a deep and far-reaching purpose in the minds of its originators. I was present at one of the first meetings where the scheme was set on foot. None were admitted to these meetings but such as were native-born Southerners, or those who were as advocates of Southern interests. Nearly every one was an ex-Confederate, and none who were not noted for their activity in the Southern cause. The outlines of the proposed organization were discussed and the inquiry made as to the needs of such an organization in the South. The principal actor in the proceedings replied that while it could be made useful in the South, the principal purpose was to accomplish results in the North, disruptions in the republican party, place the democracy in power, and the general government practically in their hands, and under the control of the solid South, and so gain by policy what was lost in battle; the substantial triumph of the 'lost cause.' 'For,' said he, 'so soon as we have all departments of the general government in our power, we shall hold the reins as surely and steadily in the nation as we now do in the South. We shall perfect and control the organization in the South, not so much that we need it here, but as the basis for its promulgation and control elsewhere. There are thousands of Northern democrats who will join us as allies. They hate the republican party bitterly, as bitterly as any one in the South. They sympathized with us during the war, aided us all they could without exposing themselves, and will now hail us as deliverers.'"

"It was further developed that the effort to cripple the republican party would be made in several Northern states, but particularly in Kansas, where, notwithstanding the 80,000 republican majority, the conditions were thought to be favorable for the work of disruption, and Kansas was selected accordingly to this Southern authority. For these reasons,' in his own language: '(1.) We have the democrats of that state solid for us. Then we intend to work on the republicans who favor the liquor traffic and get them to demand resubmission of the prohibitory amendment to a vote of the people. All we are after is to divide the republican party, and this will do it. Then, through the Alliance, we intend to reach all the farmers and get them dissatisfied, charging the republican party with having neglected them, while it has aided and protected other industries; and, by taking advantage of the hard times and low prices, and many other circumstances, large and small, which can be seized upon, prejudice the farmers against the party to which the most of them belong in Kansas. There are almost innumerable ways in which to bring about distrust in their party, in the minds of these men, and we shall let none of them escape. But one of the greatest forces ready furnished to our hands is the great number of disappointed office-seekers in that party in Kansas. There is perhaps one or more in every township, if not in every school district. There are thousands of these in each state, each of whom in all probability can control at least one voter besides himself to go with him. A very low estimate of these from Kansas is 5,000, each of them making one convert gives us 10,000. The resubmissionists can poll 15,000 and this gives us 25,000 as a good, substantial and practical basis to start with."

"On an off year 40,000 majority is all we have to overcome, and these 25,000 will more than do that, as they count both ways, but to make sure of everything we go to work on the basis of 80,000 majority to wipe out. A change of 41,000 will do this, so we only have 16,000 votes to make, and with 25,000 to aid us besides all the democratic party, this will be a task of comparative ease. The Alliance can be fully relied upon to give 25,000 instead of 16,000, which places the result within the bounds of reasonable, if not certain success. If we win it is the greatest victory ever won in politics, and after that we shall have plain sailing. Kansas and Texas are jointly interested in a deep harbor on the Gulf coast, and will work together for the accomplishment of that end. We can get our friends into Kansas for the purpose

of advocating the deep harbor scheme openly, while secretly they can aid us by laying unseen wires, which can be manipulated as we need them. Care will be taken to see that a majority of the official members of the sub-alliances are either democrats or dissatisfied republicans, and these will shape the political action of the order. Another incidental object of the movement is to secure sufficient strength in Kansas to prevent the return of John J. Ingalls to the Senate. Already our democratic allies are ready to receive us. All we need to do is to post them and give them their part to perform in the programme. They are to be relied upon to give us a foothold in the North, and that is all we ask."

The gentleman who makes this expose of the purposes of the combination referred to is Judge S. A. Hackworth, late of Texas, and his informant is a Southern democrat, who took part with the South in the civil war through compulsion, not being a secessionist at heart, but forced by circumstances and business surroundings to disguise his real sentiments. Judge Hackworth was driven out of Texas for advocating republican principles and endeavoring to secure an honest election, the result of which was a matter of congressional investigation. The Southern scheme above cited has been discovered in time, it is believed, to prevent any serious loss to the republican party of Kansas.

Kansas State Fair.

The eighth annual exhibition of the Kansas State Fair Association will be held on their handsome and spacious grounds in the southern part of the city of Topeka, commencing on Friday, September 12th, and closing Saturday, September 20th. The outlook is brighter than for many years past, and every indication points to a most successful fair in every way.

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